

Quarterly Population Report

First Quarter 2014

Still growing...!¹

Alberta was the destination of choice for about 21,000 people from other locales in the first three months of 2014, maintaining its position as provincial growth leader for the thirteenth consecutive quarter. As of April 1, 2014, the province's population was an estimated 4,111,509. The first quarter's growth rate (0.71%) was about three times the national average (0.23%). Although still very high, Alberta's growth has moderated slightly from the fourth quarter last year. Alberta added 28,938 new residents in the first three months of 2014, by far the largest population gain of any jurisdiction and about 7000 more than Ontario's gain over the same period. On average, every single day of the first three months of 2014, Alberta added 320 new residents.

Year-over-year, Alberta's population growth of 3.2%² led the provinces. The province's year-over-year growth rates have been above 3% for the last six consecutive quarters. Year-over-year, only Alberta and its neighbours on both

¹ All data are from Statistics Canada. Estimates from 2007–2013 are based on the 2011 Census adjusted for net census undercount and incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves. All estimates are subject to revision.

² This growth represents year-over-year variation (April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014)

sides grew faster than the national average of 1.1%; Saskatchewan with a rate of 1.9% and British Columbia with 1.2%.

Migration

Migration continues to boost Alberta's population, accounting for three-quarters of the growth in the first quarter. The province welcomed 21,316 net migrants from other parts of Canada and the world, representing the second highest first quarter gain on record.

Interprovincial migration

At 9,581, Alberta had by far the strongest net inflow of interprovincial migrants in the country, although it was the lower than the first quarter levels of the last two years. Despite this moderating trend, interprovincial migration accounted for about a third of the population growth in the first

Table 1: Population & Growth Rates Canada and Alberta

1-Apr	Population		Yearly Growth Rate		
	Canada	Alberta	1-Apr	Canada	Alberta
2009	33,511,750	3,659,414	2009	1.16%	2.58%
2010	33,889,957	3,715,456	2010	1.13%	1.53%
2011	34,230,654	3,768,845	2011	1.01%	1.44%
2012	34,625,485	3,856,988	2012	1.15%	2.34%
2013	35,025,296	3,982,240	2013	1.15%	3.25%
2014	35,427,524	4,111,509	2014	1.15%	3.25%

Figure 1: Alberta Components of Population Change, 1st Quarter

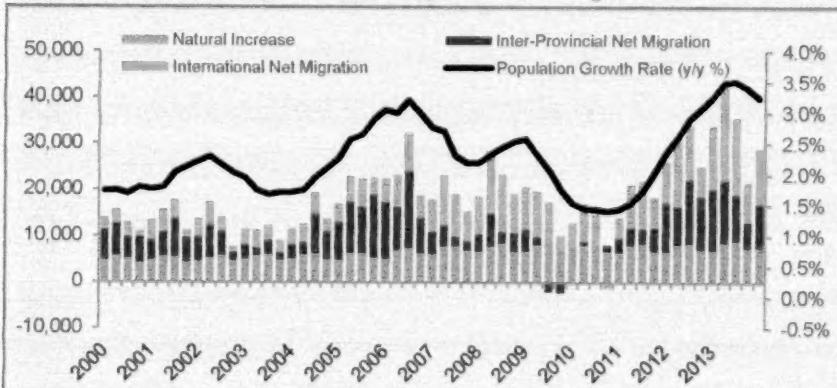


Table 2: Population of Provinces/Territories as of April 1, 2014 and Growth Rates since April 1, 2013

	Population	Growth Rate
Canada	35,427,524	1.15%
NL	525,378	-0.44%
PEI	145,472	0.45%
NS	939,396	-0.25%
NB	754,524	-0.15%
QC	8,191,946	0.77%
ON	13,620,646	0.91%
MB	1,275,212	1.13%
SK	1,122,588	1.92%
AB	4,111,509	3.25%
BC	4,624,321	1.23%
YT	36,665	0.10%
NWT	43,459	-0.33%
NVT	36,408	3.90%

quarter. With the exception of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, all other provinces experienced net outflows over the quarter. The largest outflows were experienced by Ontario (-4,654), Quebec (-2,558) and Manitoba (-1,417). The vast majority of Alberta's net migrants came from Ontario (4,210), with substantial numbers also from Newfoundland and Labrador (1,071) and Nova Scotia (957).

Net International Migration

Alberta attracted 16.1% of all immigrant landings in Canada in the first quarter, the highest share ever recorded. In addition to the share, there is also strength in the absolute number of immigrants Alberta is attracting. The first quarter of 2014 saw 10,327 immigrants choose Alberta as their province of landing, the highest first quarter number on record. Alberta gained 2,644 non-permanent residents (NPR)³ in the first three months of the year, less than half the number from the first quarter last year. All in all, net international migration contributed

11,735 new Albertans, the second strongest first quarter showing on record.

Natural increase

During the first quarter of 2014, Alberta posted a natural increase of 7,622, the result of 13,809 births and 6,187 deaths. The provincial population grew by 0.19% (of Alberta's 0.71% growth) in the first quarter due to natural increase alone.

³ For more details on non-permanent resident programs or policies contact Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

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Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants January 1 to March 31, 2014

Origin	Destination													
	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT	
NL	0	35	330	142	12	565	64	5	1,630	42	0	40	39	
PEI	44	0	137	72	20	135	20	0	171	67	0	7	0	
NS	369	128	0	621	137	1,164	24	117	1,616	305	6	52	17	
NB	118	51	586	0	198	913	64	30	1,065	140	24	0	36	
QC	50	20	154	273	0	3,843	120	100	1,383	700	0	0	7	
ON	563	266	1,162	637	2,710	0	1,014	1,273	7,337	2,807	68	175	168	
MB	25	15	139	54	43	887	0	805	1,571	720	0	5	51	
SK	17	4	75	20	45	670	552	0	2,639	854	32	0	7	
AB	559	110	659	548	655	3,127	749	2,513	0	5,579	82	134	0	
BC	142	27	233	77	222	2,094	258	788	6,368	0	153	80	0	
YT	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	14	72	294	0	10	0	
NWT	39	0	78	0	0	87	0	37	404	191	42	0	85	
NVT	13	0	0	8	11	41	33	27	40	41	0	88	0	
IN	1,939	656	3,553	2,452	4,092	13,526	2,898	5,709	24,296	11,740	407	591	410	
OUT	2,904	673	4,556	3,225	6,650	18,180	4,315	4,915	14,715	10,442	429	963	302	
NET	-965	-17	-1,003	-773	-2,558	-4,654	-1,417	794	9,581	1,298	-22	-372	108	
Q4 2013	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT	
Outflow to AB	1,630	171	1,616	1,065	1,383	7,337	1,571	2,639	0	6,368	72	404	40	
Inflow from AB	559	110	659	548	655	3,127	749	2,513	0	5,579	82	134	0	
Net Flow to AB	1,071	61	957	517	728	4,210	822	126	0	789	-10	270	40	

Table 4: Alberta Components of Growth by Quarter

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	Vital Events		Total*	
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants		Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	
2009-10													
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,280	2,040	695	1,444	8,574	6,554	13,697	4,887	15,364
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,279	483	695	3,376	1,174	12,397	5,576	7,995
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-126	1,247	476	669	5,582	5,730	12,263	5,178	12,815
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-668	1,531	630	1,216	8,116	8,919	13,165	5,029	17,055
Total	57,958	61,229	-3,271	30,005	0	6,097	2,284	4,024	25,648	22,377	51,522	20,670	53,229
2010-11													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,792	2,165	710	1,942	6,760	6,759	13,218	5,110	14,867
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,610	1,511	475	868	-1,061	269	12,222	5,438	7,053
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-309	1,607	471	852	4,381	7,541	12,203	5,582	14,162
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,460	1,459	628	1,569	9,331	13,285	13,210	5,176	21,319
Total	63,975	55,532	8,443	30,457	-7,251	6,742	2,284	5,231	19,411	27,854	50,853	21,306	57,401
2011-12													
Jul-Sep	20,972	17,495	3,477	8,970	2,310	2,169	710	1,942	10,343	13,820	13,404	5,117	22,107
Oct-Dec	14,677	9,560	5,117	7,690	-71	1,514	475	868	6,498	11,615	12,223	5,358	18,480
Jan-Mar	21,569	10,849	10,720	7,520	2,512	1,611	471	852	8,802	19,522	12,475	5,787	26,210
Apr-Jun	23,619	15,281	8,338	10,386	5,334	1,462	628	1,569	15,199	23,537	13,583	5,369	31,751
Total	80,837	53,185	27,652	34,566	10,085	6,756	2,284	5,231	40,842	68,494	51,685	21,631	98,548
2012-13													
Jul-Sep	31,963	18,048	13,915	9,086	3,700	2,177	710	1,942	11,841	25,756	13,834	5,313	34,277
Oct-Dec	19,910	8,377	11,533	9,103	-1,386	1,519	475	868	6,591	18,124	12,669	5,567	25,226
Jan-Mar	26,714	15,272	13,438	8,094	6,774	1,617	471	852	13,632	27,070	12,946	6,018	33,998
Apr-Jun	34,229	20,438	13,791	10,543	10,472	1,469	628	1,569	20,487	34,278	14,136	5,580	42,834
Total	112,816	60,139	52,677	36,826	19,560	6,782	2,284	5,231	52,551	105,228	53,585	22,478	136,335
2013-14													
Jul-Sep	26,616	16,347	10,269	9,168	8,213	2,177	710	1,942	16,436	26,705	14,483	5,543	35,645
Oct-Dec	17,477	11,814	5,663	8,814	1,061	1,519	475	868	8,749	14,412	13,248	5,808	21,852
Jan-Mar	24,296	14,715	9,581	10,327	2,644	1,617	471	852	11,735	21,316	13,809	6,187	28,938
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	68,389	42,876	25,513	28,309	11,918	5,313	1,656	3,662	36,920	62,433	41,540	17,538	86,435